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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Wieth et al.

**Application No.:** 10/019,142

**Confirmation No.:** 9820

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**For:** METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
DETECTING AND REWARDING THE  
RETURNING OF SHOPPING CARTS

**Group:** 2632

**Examiner:** Daniel Previl

**Our File:** SPT-PT002  
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**Date:** November 17, 2003

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003 (Paper No. 10). A three-month Petition for an Extension of Time up through November 23, 2003 is submitted herewith. Entry of the following Amendment, without prejudice or disclaimer, and reconsideration of the Application is requested.

Please amend the application as follows: